

Devotion: The Gratitude of a Ranchers Heart.

There is nothing like living and fulfilling your childhood dream! As cattle ranchers we all know it to be true, we were born with the gene and there is no getting around it. That gene is the love for cattle and animal husbandry! No matter what how difficult the task may seem or actually be that we face there is no stopping us. As a child, we probably all dreamed of owning a cowherd someday and you've done whatever it takes to see it come to pass!

We all know the downsides of cattle ranching, droughts, floods, ruined hay crops, extremes temperatures, respiratory diseases, scours, a dead calf (usually one of the best ones) and open, non-pregnant cows, just to name a few.

Many do ask us, what keeps us all going anyways? Is it the large profits, good pay, short work days and clean working conditions? Absolutely NOT! Then what is it.

It's the GRATITUDE OF A RANCHERS HEART that keeps him and her going in the tough times as well as the good times. It's knowing that God has given you an opportunity to use His gifts that he has given you to tend to the stock, the ranch and all that that entails. It's a heart that awakens every morning ready for another day on the ranch/farm working the land, the cattle and a multitude of tasks, many of which the city folk are completely clueless about.

The bottom line is that every rancher has an attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving in their hearts to be able to spend their lives fulfilling dreams and passions caring for and loving their stock!

There is the joy of seeing and handling the newborn calf, there is the smell of fresh cut hay as well as the satisfied customer driving up your driveway for another purchase. The list is endless!

TO ALL THE RANCHERS OUT THERE I SAY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND DON'T FORGET TO SAY A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" PRAYER TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER TODAY FOR ALLOWING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN RANCHING!

“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

1 Thess. 5:18

In Christ’s love

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